

APPROVED: Meeting No. 45-89

ATTEST: *Sharon Gran*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 44-89

October 16, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on October 16, 1989, at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember James Coyle (Mayor Pro Tem)

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

ABSENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan (Travel Leave)

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing to receive
proposals for the use of
Community Development Block
Grant (CDBG) funds.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council conducted a public hearing on proposals for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open until the close of business on Friday, October 27, 1989.

Re: Public Hearing: Sectional
Map Amendment Application M-
55-89, Rockville Planning
Commission, Applicant.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council conducted a public hearing on Sectional Map

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Amendment Application M-55-89, a comprehensive zoning map amendment to implement land use and zoning recommendations contained in the Adopted West End-Woodley Gardens East\West Neighborhood Plan. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open until the close of business on Friday, October 20, 1989.

Re: Public Hearing: Text Amendment
Application T-96-89, Rockville
Planning Commission, Applicant.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council conducted a public hearing on Text Amendment Application T-96-89, amendments to the definitions, tables of uses and special exception requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to permit housing for the elderly and physically handicapped persons in the O-1 and O-2 zones. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open until the close of business on Friday, October 20, 1989.

Re: Public Hearing: Application
to Close and Abandon Public
Way SCA-57-89, George
Thomassen, Applicant.

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council conducted a public hearing on Application to Close and Abandon Public Way, SCA-57-89, which was continued from July 17, 1989. The Mayor Pro Tem and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript.

Howard Thomas, attorney for the applicant, stated that they are withdrawing their request for the abandonment. Mr. Thomas further indicated that the applicant had no objection to Woodmont Spring Condominium, Inc. pursuing the abandonment of a portion of Congress Street. Earl Kendrick, President of the Board of Directors of Woodmont

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Spring Condominium, Inc., requested that the Mayor and Council proceed with the abandonment of that portion of Congress Street which abuts Woodmont Spring, i.e., the westernmost 448 feet.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open until the close of business on Friday, October 20, 1989.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor Pro Tem opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Irene Pickering, 103 Calvert Road, requested information regarding what steps are being taken to reduce the truck traffic on West Montgomery Avenue.

Staff clarified that West Montgomery Avenue is a major reconstruction project, being undertaken jointly with the State, and that truck traffic has not been addressed per se. Councilmember Abrams noted, however, that the widening of Gude Drive should provide an alternative to truck traffic along West Montgomery Avenue.

2. Susan Amsden, 794 Nelson Street, expressed concern that the West End Plan did not address traffic along Nelson Street. Staff noted that only a portion of Nelson Street is included in the Neighborhood Planning Area which is why there was not a specific recommendation for this street.

In response to Ms. Amsden's question as to what she should be looking for in the future regarding this issue, Councilmember Abrams advised that appropriate times to address traffic issues on Nelson Street are when the Master Plan is updated and at the time the interchange of Route 28 is completed.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor Pro Tem closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

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Re: FYI/Correspondence

Councilmember Hovsepian commented on the letter from County Councilmember Mike Subin regarding the "Celebrate Montgomery--Outdoors" program. It was agreed that staff should be directed to do whatever is necessary to participate in the celebration.

Councilmember Coyle commended the City Manager and staff for the joint Planning Commission meeting with the City of Gaithersburg.

Regarding the Rockville-Baltimore partnership, a draft copy of the agreement to be signed by Mayor Duncan and Mayor Schmoke was forwarded to the Mayor and Council for approval. Upon motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded and unanimously passed, Mayor Duncan was authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Rockville at the ceremony to be held on October 23, 1989, in Baltimore.

Re: New Business

Councilmember Abrams commended staff on the fine Oktoberfest scheduled for the coming weekend, rain or shine. He particularly thanked the staff for responding to an earlier request that tents be provided for such events in case of inclement weather.

Councilmember Robbins commended the staff for the outstanding Antique & Classic Car Show held this past weekend, noting that participation at this year's event was particularly high.

Re: Executive Session

The Mayor Pro Tem and Council convened in Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss land disposition matters.

Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on October 23, 1989, or at the call of the Mayor.